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VA Releases Key Findings of Clinical Review of Opioid Practices in Tomah

Clinical and Administrative Reviews Still Ongoing

Washington – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today released key findings and recommendations of its initial clinical review into opioid prescription practices at the Tomah VA Medical Center (VAMC).

Based on these preliminary findings, the team recommended that VA consider a more in-depth evaluation of the clinical and administrative practices at the Tomah VAMC. An administrative review team from VA's Office of Accountability Review (OAR) is continuing to look at allegations of retaliation against employees and other accountability issues related to Tomah VAMC leadership. Investigators from the independent VA Office of Inspector General and the Department of Justice's Drug Enforcement Administration have also been on site.

Yesterday, [VA announced the accelerated deployment of a nationwide opioid therapy tool](#) for use at all Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities.

In January, Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert A. McDonald directed Interim Under Secretary for Health Dr. Carolyn Clancy to lead a comprehensive review of medication prescription practices at the Tomah VA Medical Center. Dr. Clancy charged the Clinical Review Team to assess the practice patterns, controlled substance prescribing habits, and administrative interactions with subordinates and clinical leadership as related to prescribing practices.

The release of the key findings comes as VA's Deputy Secretary Sloan Gibson met today with employees and stakeholders in Tomah.

Go to this highlighted link, [for a summary of Phase One Clinical Review Findings](#).

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